

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

A meeting of the General Membership of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on December 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Department, 300 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Greg Steenbock, Glenn Deviley, Matt Maleport, Dan Kerkhoff, Joe Gabe, Brad Neville, Norman Heraly, Kevin Tielens, Dave Bielinski, Eric Johnson, Steve Zich, Jim Stupka, Angie Cali, Terry Rottier, Doug Peters, Randy Lind, Lance Catalano, Brad Muller, John Schweitzer

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion was made by Deviley and seconded by Catalano to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion was made by Kerkhoff and seconded by Catalano to approve the minutes of the last meeting from September 3, 2009. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of Task Force Activities.

Muller reported that the fire investigation unit was called out to the following fires since the last meeting:

09-09-09 1032 Pine St., Green Bay (duplex/arson)
09-10-09 4335 De Pere Rd., Glenmore (residence/arson)
09-27-09 2252 Fox Heights Ln., Ashwaubenon (business/?)
10-12-09 3174 Freedom Rd., Lawrence (residence/undetermined)
10-13-09 2165 Broadway, Ashwaubenon (business/arson)
10-25-09 161 Cliffview Dr., Green Bay (residence/?)
12-01-09 Georgia Pacific (business/undetermined)

Deviley reported that the arson case from 1429 North Irwin Avenue was referred to the D.A.'s office for charges. Catalano reported that Randy Robenhorst in the Pulaski arson pled guilty and was sentenced to 6 months in jail and lengthy supervision.

Item #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

Muller reported that the election of officers was held at the September meeting. Robert Kiser and Larry Mours were re-elected as chairperson and vice-chairperson, respectively. A motion was made to pursue looking for a replacement truck. A motion was also made that Kiser send a letter

to the General Membership encouraging members to complete the IAAI fire investigation technician certification course. The next meeting was set for January 14, 2010.

Item #5. Old Business.

Muller advised that there is some money left in budget to purchase equipment for the truck. He stated that he would like to replace the laptop in the truck with a Toughbook laptop. Other suggestions were a very small portable generator and Tyvek single-use suits.

Let Deviley know if you have any training ideas.

It was reported that the new safety house storage space is working out.

Item #6. New Business.

General Membership meetings were scheduled for 2010 as follows:

March 4, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
Suamico Fire Station #2
2323 Northwood Road
Suamico, WI

May 27, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
Ledgeview Fire Station #1
3700 Dickinson Road
De Pere, WI

September 2, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
Ashwaubenon Fire Station #1
2155 Holmgren Way
Green Bay, WI

December 2, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
Bellevue Fire Station #1
3100 Eaton Road
Green Bay, WI

A thank you letter was received from the Howard Fire Department for bringing the safety house to their open house.

WPS is offering a free class on December 14, 2009.

There have been 27 fire investigation call-outs to date.

Deviley stated that he is thinking about putting together a DNA evidence collection kit for the truck. It was noted that if a firefighter collects evidence, he needs to turn it over to an officer. He will give an overview at the General Membership meeting in March. He will also get from the Crime Lab an updated manual for the truck.

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

Gabe reported that Green Bay had two contacts in the last week. Stupka reported that De Pere had one.

Item #8. Other Matters.

No other matters were discussed.

Item #9. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting is set for March 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at Suamico Fire Station #2.

Item #10. Training.

Overview of fall IAAI seminar regarding heavy equipment fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary